

Unemployment Programs

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Regular UI

Up to 26 Weeks

- Filing for regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) is the first step for affected workers
- If eligible, claimants must certify every two weeks to receive benefits

PEUC

Up to 53 Weeks

- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) is a federal extension of benefits for those who exhausted regular UI
- Expires on September 4, 2021

EB

Up to 13 Weeks

- Extended Benefits (EB) is an additional extension for claimants who have exhausted both regular UI and, in many cases, PEUC
- Visit ides.illinois.gov/faq for information on eligibility

Up to 79 Weeks

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) provides benefits for many individuals who have been determined ineligible for regular unemployment benefits (e.g., self-employed workers, independent contractors)
- In order to apply for PUA benefits, claimants must first apply for and be denied for regular UI benefits and must be unemployed due to a pandemic-related reason
- Expires on September 4, 2021

PUA

MEUC

weekly \$100

- Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) grants eligible claimants an additional \$100 weekly benefit on top of their weekly benefit amount and the \$300 FPUC benefit
- MEUC is not available for PUA claimants
- Claimants must have earned more than \$5,000 in net self-employment income in the most recent taxable year prior to the individual's application for regular UI benefits
- This program will require a separate application; details to come

FPUC

weekly \$300

- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) provides an additional \$300 per week benefit for any claimant that is eligible for regular UI, PEUC, EB, or PUA
- FPUC will be paid out through September 4, 2021
- No application is necessary